

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): An electrical connecting apparatus comprising:

a housing;

a board side connecting portion and a terminal side connecting portion formed at a proximal end of said housing;

at least one discrete connection terminal disposed in the housing and having a proximal end which is exposed on the board side connecting portion and a distal end which is exposed on the terminal side connecting portion;

a molded part for sealing said board side connecting portion and terminal side connecting portion; and

a flat cable which extends ~~along~~on an outer surface of said housing in which said terminal side connecting portion is formed thereon, so as to extend along the outer surface of said housing;~~and is positioned substantially parallel and adjacent to at least a portion of the housing,~~

wherein the proximal end of said discrete connection terminal forms electrical connection to a circuit board which is provided on the board side connecting portion, and the distal end of said discrete connection terminal forms electrical connection to at least one conductor of the flat cable at the terminal side connecting portion; and

said flat cable is extended substantially parallel and adjacent to at least a portion of the housing which is perpendicular to a surface of a receiving member in which said housing is mounted thereon, and the flat cable is bent so as to extend along the surface of the receiving member.

2. Canceled.

3. (Currently amended): A waterproofing structure for an electrical connecting apparatus comprising:

a housing;

a board side connecting portion and a terminal side connecting portion formed at a proximal end of said housing;

at least one discrete connection terminal disposed in the housing and having a proximal end which is exposed on the board side connecting portion and a distal end which is exposed on the terminal side connecting portion;

a molded part for sealing said board side connecting portion and terminal side connecting portion; and

a flat cable which extends ~~along~~on an outer surface of said housing in which said terminal side connecting portion is formed thereon, so as to extend along the outer surface of said housing;~~and is positioned substantially parallel and adjacent to at least a portion of the housing,~~

wherein the proximal end of said discrete connection terminal forms electrical connection to a circuit board which is provided on the board side connecting portion, and the distal end of said discrete connection terminal forms electrical connection to at least one conductor of the flat cable at the terminal side connecting portion, and

said flat cable is extended substantially parallel and adjacent to at least a portion of the housing which is perpendicular to a surface of a receiving member in which said housing is mounted thereon, and the flat cable is bent so as to extend along the surface of the receiving member.

4. (Currently amended): An electrical connecting apparatus comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a board side connecting portion and a terminal side connecting portion formed at a proximal end of said housing;
 - at least one discrete connection terminal disposed in the housing and having a proximal end which is exposed on the board side connecting portion and a distal end which is exposed on the terminal side connecting portion;
 - a mounting portion disposed at a distal end of said housing;
 - a retainer attachable to said mounting portion;
 - a molded part for sealing said board side connecting portion and terminal side connecting portion, and

a flat cable which extends ~~alongon~~ an outer surface of said housing in which said terminal side connecting portion is formed thereon, so as to extend along the outer surface of said housing;~~and is positioned substantially parallel and adjacent to at least a portion of the housing;~~

wherein the proximal end of said discrete connection terminal forms electrical connection to a circuit board which is provided on the board side connecting portion, and the distal end of said discrete connection terminal forms electrical connection to at least one conductor of the flat cable at the terminal side connecting portion; ~~and wherein~~

said housing is mountable to a mounting hole in a receiving member by attaching said retainer in said mounting hole from one side of said receiving member, and attaching said mounting portion to said retainer from the other side of said receiving member; and

said flat cable is extended substantially parallel and adjacent to at least a portion of the housing which is perpendicular to a surface of said receiving member, and the flat cable is bent so as to extend along the surface of said receiving member.

5. (Previously presented): The electrical connecting apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said retainer comprises:

a collar larger than said mounting hole for contacting a surface of said receiving member on a side opposed to a side from which said mounting portion is attached;

a projecting part for interlocking with a periphery of said mounting hole on the side of said receiving member from which said mounting portion is attached; and

an interlocking projection that interlocks with said mounting portion.

6. (Previously presented): The electrical connecting apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said retainer comprises:

a collar larger than said mounting hole for contacting a surface of said receiving member on a side opposed to a side from which said mounting portion is attached; and

an interlocking projection that interlocks with said mounting portion,

wherein said housing is mounted to said receiving member such that said mounting portion is disposed within the periphery of said mounting hole after said mounting portion has been mounted in said retainer.

7. (Previously presented): The electrical connecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said molded part further seals said connection between said at least one discrete connection terminal and said at least one conductor.

8. (Previously presented): The waterproofing structure according to claim 3, wherein said molded part further seals said connection between said at least one discrete connection terminal and said at least one conductor.

9. (Previously presented): The electrical connecting apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said molded part further seals said connection between said at least one discrete connection terminal and said at least one conductor.

10. (Previously presented): The electrical connecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the molded part comprises a first molded part which seals the at least one discrete connection terminal disposed within the terminal side connecting portion and a second molded part which seals the board side connecting portion.

11. (Previously presented): The waterproofing structure according to claim 3, wherein the molded part comprises a first molded part which seals the at least one discrete connection terminal disposed within the terminal side connecting portion and a second molded part which seals the board side connecting portion.

12. (Previously presented): The electrical connecting apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the molded part comprises a first molded part which seals the at least one discrete connection terminal disposed within the terminal side connecting portion and a second molded part which seals the board side connecting portion.

13-15. **Canceled.**

16. (Previously presented): The electrical connecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the molded part also seals the connection between the at least one discrete connection terminal of said circuit board.

17. (Previously presented): The waterproofing structure according to claim 3, wherein the molded part also seals the connection between the at least one discrete connection terminal of said circuit board.

18. (Previously presented): The electrical connecting apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the molded part also seals the connection between the at least one discrete connection terminal of said circuit board.

19. (Previously presented): The electrical connecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the molded part seals opposite end portions of said at least one discrete connection terminal.

20. (Previously presented): The waterproofing structure according to claim 3, wherein the molded part seals opposite end portions of said at least one discrete connection terminal.

21. (Previously presented): The electrical connecting apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the molded part seals opposite end portions of said at least one discrete connection terminal.